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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Awareness Month**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor and encouraging the United States
4 Congress to designate ~~October~~ November as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy
5 Syndrome Awareness Month; encouraging the federal government to develop
6 programs relating to Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome; and generally
7 relating to Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome.

8 WHEREAS, Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome (RSDS), also known as
9 Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, is an extremely painful progressive chronic
10 disease of the nervous system resulting from a simple trauma, infection, ~~or~~ surgery,
11 and unknown causes that can lead to chronic inflammation, spasms, burning pain,
12 stiffness, pathological changes in skin and bone, excessive sweating, tissue swelling,
13 and extreme sensitivity to touch; and

14 WHEREAS, RSDS ~~currently afflicts an estimated~~ is estimated to afflict 7
15 million children and adults in the United States and approximately 133,000 in
16 Maryland; and

17 WHEREAS, RSDS can strike at any time and is a complex and little known
18 disease; and

19 WHEREAS, RSDS can strike at any age but is more common between the ages
20 of 40 and 60; and

21 ~~WHEREAS, RSDS is often misdiagnosed and treatment is delayed because it is~~
22 ~~misdiagnosed; and~~

1 WHEREAS, The early treatment of RSDS ~~often results~~ can result in a remission
2 of the disease symptoms; and

3 WHEREAS, ~~If treatment is delayed, the disorder can quickly spread causing~~
4 ~~irreversible changes in bone and muscle and severe physical and psychological~~
5 ~~problems; and~~

6 WHEREAS, Treatment includes multiple medications and procedures that may
7 be prohibitively expensive; and

8 WHEREAS, RSDS is recognized by the National Institute of Neurological
9 Disorders and Stroke which supports and conducts research relevant to RSDS; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the federal
12 government is encouraged to promote programs that will increase awareness, early
13 detection, ~~research~~, and treatment of Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome; and
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the United States Congress is encouraged to designate
16 ~~October~~ November of each year as National Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome
17 Awareness Month; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Governor is requested to designate ~~October~~ November of
19 each year as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Awareness Month; and be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
22 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
23 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the
24 Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates, and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
26 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S.
27 Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;
28 and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Benjamin L. Cardin,
29 Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E. Cummings, and
30 Constance A. Morella, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.